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In re Application of
Carmichael et al.
Application No. 09/710,690
Filing or 371(c) Date: 11/10/2000
Title of Invention:
METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
DISTRIBUTING PRODUCTS VIA A
WIDE-AREA NETWORK SUCH AS
THE INTERNET

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 8, 2007, to revive the above-identified application. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

Background

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the non-final Office action, mailed May 23, 2002. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply from the mail date of the Office action. Extensions of time were available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on August 24, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 26, 2002.

Petition filed under 37 CFR 1.137(a)

Applicant filed a petition to revive the application based upon an unavoidably delayed reply to the Office action on October 30, 2006, which was dismissed in a Decision mailed November 8, 2006, for failing to meet the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a).

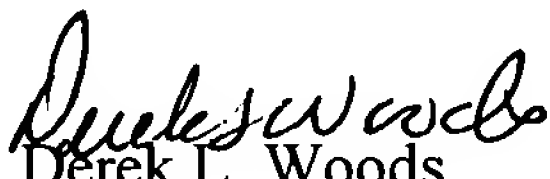
The present petition

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a ; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of

unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action of May 23, 2002 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3627 for processing of the Amendment filed October 30, 2006, in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.


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